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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the USPTO communication of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed on July 2, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified patent application in light of the following amendments and remarks. No new matter is included with these amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as filed with the substitute specification pages provided herein. The changes made are shown under the heading "Specification Showing Changes", while a clean copy of the amended pages is shown under the heading "Specification as Amended". No new matter has been added in this substitute specification.

REMARKS

Claims 7-9, 17-18, 24, 41, 44, and 58-59 are pending in this application. The Examiner has objected to the Reply mailed on March 25, 2002 for being non-responsive because Applicants did not assign a SEQ ID NO to the sequences illustrated in FIG. 2. Applicants have now amended the drawing descriptions in the specification to assign